

## LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Couch's Kingbird - *Tyrannus couchii*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):  
1 age unknown
3. Parish:  
St. Landry
4. Specific Locality:  
Land of Lakes Farm
5. Date(s) when observed: 2/9/25
6. Time(s) of day when observed: mid day
7. Reporting observer: Esme Rosen
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Van Remsen, Vinay Laxminarayan, Karthik Thrikkadeeri
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): side lighting
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 20 meters or so
13. Duration of observation: 2-3 minutes or so
14. Habitat: mid aged woodland surrounding crawfish fields
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): first seen on top of a tree. eventually flew south, and make only brief distant appearance after that
16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body

bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Tyrannus kingbird with greenish back, bright yellow all the way up the breast contrasting with the whitish throat, short stout bill, light grey head with eye mask, and dark colored primaries and tail, which was forked

17. Voice: heard the bird give kip calls several times in response to playback and also the keener call twice. These were heard while the playback was off. I attempted to get audio but the wind was too strong for it to be usable

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): clearly not Western/Couch's based on greenish back and extensive yellow on breast. Tropical eliminated by calls

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): poor photos attached. some additional (mediocre) photos by others on eBird, <https://ebird.org/checklist/S212703264>

20. Previous experience with this species: this was my fourth individual seen in Louisiana. I also have species numerous times in south Texas before

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

22. Identification aids used when? None used

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: yes

24. Date report completed: 4/3/25

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report? Yes

